

2012 *FIRST*® LEGO® LEAGUE BOONSHOFT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY REGIONAL

FAMILY INFORMATION PACKET

WELCOME TO THE *FIRST*® LEGO® LEAGUE BOONSHOFT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY REGIONAL!

Welcome and Congratulations to you and your child's FLL team! We are thrilled to be able to host this qualifying tournament. We thank you for being a part of this experience!

In order to give you and your child the best possible experience, this document will explain some of our policies and give you some information that will make your experience and your child's team experience ones you will remember for a long time.

TEAM ONLY AREAS:

As you know, *FIRST*® LEGO® League is a child and team driven program. Through FLL, teams are empowered to decide on their own direction, their own solutions, and their own problem-solving strategies. Children learn to become independent thinkers with advanced teamwork and critical thinking skills.

Coaches are those indispensable guides and role models, but the kids are the ones who do the work. Because of this fundamental philosophy, we do have "Team Only" areas, where teams can focus on the competition with minimum adult interaction and influence. In this way, the team takes responsibility for their problem-solving and their successes. Our judges are able to see and visit with the kids, to hear and see what they have learned, and to communicate with them authentically. For this reason, our Pit and Judging Areas are closed to the public. Up to 2 adult coaches/mentors may be with the team in these "Team Only" areas. Parents are welcome in the competition area (seating is limited) as spectators, but will not be allowed at the tables. We thank you in advance for your understanding and respect for this policy.

LIMITED SEATING

The Boonshoft Education Lobby is a relatively small area for many people on this day. We will place 2 bleacher sections to accommodate spectator seating **but we will insist that pathways and certain designated areas be spectator free.** For the safety and security of all we will insure these areas are open for travel for FLL teams and museum patrons as well. We respectfully ask that strollers be left outside the bleacher area.

SUPPORTER PASSES

Glow yellow Supporter passes were mailed to teams in mid-November. Spectators and supporters *must* wear these to gain entrance to the museum through the Education Lobby doors free of charge. Those without supporter passes will be asked to enter through the Main Lobby

JUDGING SESSIONS:

Your child's team will be judged in three areas (Senior Solutions Project, Robot and Core Values), during a pre-assigned judging time on the morning of the tournament. You can find a copy of the tournament schedule, including both judging and robot performance, on the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Regional Tournament page of the Ohio FLL website at:

<http://edoutreach.wpafb.af.mil/Robotics/media/2012/flyers/boonshoft.html> or in the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Regional Program Book, which will be available in the competition area the morning of the tourney.

Parents and family members may **not** travel with the team into the Judging Rooms. You are free to be in the Education Lobby. A concession area will be open from approx 1045- 1pm.lunch, and snacks. All food and drinks should be consumed upstairs in the Food Chain. ***Absolutely NO food or drinks will be permitted in the Competition area.***

PIT AREA:

This area is open **only** to team members and 2coaches. It is located on the ground floor of the museum next to the competition floor. There is a volunteer Pit Manager who will control entrance to the Pit and practice table sign-ups for teams.

TEAM COMMUNICATIONS:

We recommend that you make arrangements with your team in advance for down times when you can all meet. For instance, you might all want to meet for lunch during a long break in the team's schedule. You also might want to spend some time watching parts of the robot competition together. If you prepare for these times in advance, it will make the day less confusing.

BASIC SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY:

8:00 AM: TEAM REGISTRATION

Your child will be expected to be on-site between 8:00 AM and 8:15 AM. Your coach will instruct you when you should arrive. You can park in the front parking lot. Please don NOT park in the Driveway loop along the grass. Handicapped parking spaces will be enforced, so if you are not permitted to use these spaces, please do not park there.

9:45 AM: OPENING CEREMONY

Join us for the Opening Ceremony at this time. This ceremony officially opens the event. We will start with a parade of teams– be there to cheer your team as they enter the competition area!

We will not have a specific lunch break, but you might want to make arrangements to eat with the team as their schedule permits. If your team was judged before the Opening Ceremony, you might want to catch some lunch together after the ceremony in the cafeteria.

12:45 PM: ROBOT PERFORMANCE BEGINS

The three official robot rounds will begin at this time in the competition area. Refer to your program book, which will include the robot performance schedule for the day, to see your team in competition. There will be limited seating in the competition area, and the scores will be displayed prominently via projector on the north wall. Your team will be announced by a play-by-play announcer.

2:45 PM: PITS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The pits will open for tear-down and load-out starting at 2:45 PM. (Provided the tourney runs on schedule) Feel free to assist the team in removing all of their tournament materials and in cleaning up the pit area in preparation for the Closing Ceremony.

3:15 PM: CLOSING CEREMONY

Teams will be recognized for their achievements – every team member will receive a medal. At this time we will announce, the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Regional Ambassador Award. We will distribute trophies and District invites during this celebration. Please refer to the Program for a complete list of awards.

CENTRAL STATE OHIO YOUTH ROBOTICS DISTRICT TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS

The FLL Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Regional will advance **three** teams to the Central State Ohio Youth Robotics District Tournament on January 12 & 13, 2013. Champion's Award criteria will be used and the ambassador team will advance, even if this team is not in the top 25% of teams at this event.

A FINAL NOTE ABOUT GRACIOUS BEHAVIOR

In FLL we embrace the value of "Gracious Professionalism™." Please be gracious observers of this FLL experience. Poor behavior on the part of family members can impact a team negatively with the judges. Judges, referees and tourney personnel are always looking for people with positive attitudes!

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this powerful, empowering program. You have to be incredibly proud of your child's growth over the course of this tournament season! These teams inspire us as well!

HAVE FUN!